

## 5.0 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

In addition to this EIS<sup>1</sup>, other factors and consultations are considered and play a major role in determining the decision on this proposed lease application. These include the following.

### **Regional Coal Team Consultation.**

The North Jacobs Ranch lease application was reviewed and discussed at the February 23, 1999, PRRCT public meeting in Billings, Montana, the October 27, 1999 PRRCT public meeting in Gillette, Wyoming, and the October 25, 2000 PRRCT public meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The PRRCT determined that the land in the application met the qualifications for processing as a production maintenance tract. At the most recent public meeting, the PRRCT recommended that the BLM continue processing the North Jacobs Ranch lease application.

**Governor's Consultation.** The BLM Wyoming State Director notified the Governor of Wyoming on October 28, 1998, that JRCC had filed a lease application with BLM for the North Jacobs Ranch Tract.

**Public Notice.** The BLM published a Notice of Scoping in the *Federal Register* on October 7, 1999, serving notice that the North Jacobs Ranch coal lease application had been received and public comment was requested. A public scoping meeting was held on October 19, 1999 in

Gillette, Wyoming. BLM published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in the *Federal Register* on January 19, 2000. This notice included a second request for public comment. This second comment period was open through February 15, 2000, to allow consideration of any new comments to be addressed in this draft EIS. The BLM and the EPA each published a Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register* for the draft EIS on December 15, 2001. The 60-day public comment period on the draft EIS started with the EPA *Federal Register* notice and ended on February 13, 2001. Comments on the draft EIS that were received from the public, state and federal review agencies were considered in preparing the final EIS. The comments received on the draft EIS and BLM's responses to those comments are included as Appendix I of this final EIS. The BLM and the EPA will each publish a Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register* for the final EIS. There will be a 30 day review period on the final EIS before a Record of Decision is prepared. After the Record of Decision is signed, there will be a 30 day appeal period before the Record of Decision is implemented.

### **Attorney General Consultation.**

After a coal lease sale, but prior to issuance of a lease, the BLM will solicit the opinion of the U.S. Attorney General on whether the planned lease issuance creates a situation inconsistent with federal anti-trust laws.

**Other Consultations.** Other federal, state, and local governmental agencies that were directly consulted

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to page viii for a list of abbreviations and acronyms used in this document.

in preparation of this EIS are listed in Table 5-1.

**List of Preparers.** Table 5-2 provides a listing of the BLM interdisciplinary team and the third-party consultant personnel who prepared and reviewed this EIS.

**Distribution List.** This EIS was distributed to numerous congressional offices, federal agencies, state governments, local governments, industry representatives, interest groups, and individuals for their review and comment (Table 5-3).

Table 5-1. Other Federal, State, and Local Governmental Agencies Consulted in EIS Preparation.

<b>Agency or Organization</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Position</b>
Converse County	Mike Sears	Planning Director
Powder River Regional Coal Team	5 Voting Members and 21 Nonvoting Members	
Wyoming Game and Fish Department	Lynn Jahnke	Wildlife & Fish Supervisor
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality		
Air Quality Division	Mike Warren	Sr. Analyst
	Dianna Grant	Sr. Analyst
	Tina Jenkins	Sr. Analyst
	Judy Shamley	Sr. Analyst
Land Quality Division	Jon Sweet	Sr. Analyst
	Lanny Goyen	Sr. Analyst
Wyoming State Geological Survey	Rod DeBruin	Oil & Gas Geologist
	Bob Lyman	Coal Geologist
Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission	Don Likwartz	Supervisor
Wyoming Department of Commerce	Dale Hoffman	Mineral Tax Division Director
Wyoming Department of Information and Administration	Wenlin Liu	Division of Economic Analysis, Senior Economist
Wyoming Department of Revenue	Dean Ternte	Sr. Economist
Wyoming Employment Center	Betsy Hockert	Analyst

Table 5-2. List of Preparers.

Name	Education/Experience	Responsibility
<b>BLM/USFS/OSM INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM</b>		
<b>Core Team</b>		
Nancy Doelger, BLM	M.S., B.S., Geology, 24 years professional experience (Licensed Wyoming Geologist)	Project Coordinator
Mike Karbs, BLM	M.S., Regional Planning and Public Policy, B.S., Mineral Engineering, 26 years professional experience	Document Reviewer
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Laurie Bryant, BLM	Ph.D., Paleontology, 37 years professional experience	Paleontological Resources Reviewer
Larry Gerard, BLM	B.S., Wildlife Management, 23 years professional experience	Wildlife Resources Reviewer
Mike Brogan, BLM	B.S., Watershed Management/Hydrology /Forestry, 21 years professional experience	Hydrology Reviewer
Joe Meyer, BLM	B.S., Watershed Management/Soils Minor, 17 years professional experience	Soils Reviewer
Tim Nowak, BLM	M.A., Anthropology/Archaeology, 32 years professional experience	Native American Consultation Reviewer
Susan Caplan, BLM	M.S., Air Resource Management, B.S., Meterology & Mathematics, 15 years professional experience.	Air Quality Reviewer
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Ken Collier	B.S. Geology, 23 years professional experience (Licensed Wyoming Geologist)	Report Preparation
Mal McGill	1 year professional experience	CADD
Rodney Ventling	10 years professional experience	CADD
Heidi Robinson	9 years professional experience	Document Production
<b>INTERMOUNTAIN RESOURCES</b>		
Jim Orpet	M.S. Range Management, B.S. Wildlife Management, 21 years professional experience	Physical Resources
Bill Glenn	B.S. Agronomy, 33 years professional experience	Soil Baseline
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<b>GCM SERVICES, INC.</b>		
David Ferguson	M.A. Anthropology, 13 years experience	Cultural Resources
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<b><u>Powder River Regional Coal Team Voting Members</u></b>	Mel Schlagel BLM WY Coal Coordinator Cheyenne, WY	Michael Long U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Cheyenne, WY
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	Senator Bill Hawks Casper, WY	
	Senator Tom Kinnison Sheridan, WY	
	Senator John Schiffer Kaycee, WY	

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Wyoming Water Development Commission Cheyenne, WY	Delphine Clair Fort Washakie, WY	Rosebud Sioux Tribe Rosebud, SD
<b><u>Local Government</u></b>	Arapahoe Business Council Fort Washakie, WY	Standing Rock Sioux Agency Fort Yates, ND
Campbell County Economic Development Committee Gillette, WY	Shoshone Business Council Fort Washakie, WY	S. Cheyenne/S. Arapaho Tribal Offices Concho, OK
Campbell Co. Commissioners Gillette, WY	Shoshone Tribal Attorney Ft. Washakie, WY	<b><u>Industry and Business</u></b>
Campbell County School Superintendent Gillette, WY	Clifford Long Sioux Busby, MT	RAG Coal West Gillette, WY
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Converse Co. School District Douglas, WY	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Administration Eagle Butte, SD	Belle Ayr Mine Gillette, WY
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Powder River Coal Company Gillette, WY	WWC Engineering Sheridan, WY	National Mining Association Washington, D.C.
Powder River Energy Corp. Sundance, WY	Wellstar Corporation Platteville, CO	National Wildlife Federation Washington, D.C.
Powder River Oil & Gas Vent. Denver, CO	Western Gas Resources Denver, CO	Natural Resources Defense Council San Francisco, CA
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Riverside Technology, Inc. Fort Collins, CO	Western Energy Co. Colstrip, MT	Powder River Basin Resource Council Sheridan, WY
Royal Gold, Inc. Denver, CO	Wright Chamber of Commerce Wright, WY	Sierra Club Sheridan, WY
Salt River Project Phoenix, AZ	Wyodak Resources Dev. Corporation Gillette, WY	The Fund for Animals Jackson, WY
San Juan Coal Co. Waterflow, NM	Yates Drilling Company Artesia, NM	The Nature Conservancy Laramie, WY
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Cheyenne, WY

Associated Press  
Cheyenne, WY

Casper Journal  
Casper, WY

Casper Star-Tribune  
Casper, WY

The Douglas Budget  
Douglas, WY